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Shoreline protection earns kudos for Dysart OP

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Changes in Dysart et al's new draft official plan are most noticeable for wetlands, shoreline protection and new commercial development.

Reeve Murray Fearrey feels the municipality is now on the leading edge of shoreline/wetland protection. The new plan changes the old designations on lakefronts from shoreline, residential and conservation lands to a new waterfront designation, with the exception of some areas labelled as hazardous.

At a recent public meeting, Tony Usher, Dysart's planning consultant, said all new development within a waterfront designation must follow a 30-metre setback on cold water lakes or 20 meters on other lakes. No new lots will be allowed on identified highly sensitive trout lakes. He added there will be no new golf courses or ski hills in a waterfront designation either.

Usher says the municipality is committed to working with lake associations which are doing lake capacity studies and the plan can be amended to accom-

modate those findings. Similarly, Usher says they have created a temporary policy that requires development near sensitive wetlands to first undergo a natural heritage evaluation. This will ensure there is no negative impact. The plan will be amended following completion of a study of significant wetlands.

Heather Ross, chair of the new Environment Haliburton group, expressed the group's pleasure over the environmental protection policies in the plan.

"We're really, really pleased. I think it's very positive. We would like to see strict rules for implementation so we'll know what to expect 20 years from now," said Ross.

Fearrey acknowledged at the beginning of the meeting that many of the approximately 50 people in attendance were there because of plans to change large sections of County Road 121 to a commercial designation. In the land next to the lake, it's designated residential; across the road it's commercial. The residential designation begins at

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Winterfest fun

A jubilant young girl tests out the tobogganing hill before the other children are able to enjoy it at the annual Winterfest in Haliburton's Head Lake Park this past weekend. More photos page 8.

Snowman held for ransom - a dozen doughnuts or it melts

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There's nothing safe in a world when your snowman gets abducted from your front lawn.

At least that's what Jamie and Dana McMahon discovered when they awoke one morning

to see one of their 'family' missing.

With six full-size snowpeople — three couples — and seven little ones, the McMahons had a family, complete with four generations, lining the front of the property. They face Hwy. 118, a few kilometres before West

Guilford's turn-off, giving people a warm feeling and a glowing smile as they drive by.

It just so happened someone wanted more than that.

On the fateful morning they discovered the snowman was missing, Dana recalls Jamie saying, "He must have fell over or

jumped off the cliff."

Gord Forbes, her father, went to check the mail box by the road and he returned with a ransom letter. It demanded a dozen doughnuts in return for the abducted snowman. It was signed: The Snowman Bandits.

"We knew right away who it

was though," Dana said, laughing.

Chiming in from across the room, Gord says "Nobody would be crazy enough to steal a snowman."

Dana's co-workers at Camp Medeba apparently have a pen-

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Anger Begets advances to regional competition

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news and events worth noting

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We received a press release from the Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association praising the appointment of Haliburton's Pat Kennedy as the first executive director of Ontario's new Fish and Wildlife Commission. "Pat Kennedy has garnered the respect and the support of key outdoor organizations in Ontario and has worked tirelessly for the betterment of our natural resources," says CSIA executive director Rick Amsbury. "He is acutely aware of the need to protect and preserve our fish populations and our fishing heritage. Pat is a consensus builder and is dedicated to

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Start putting those dimes in the parking meters! Gary Reads is now patrolling Haliburton's streets as Dysart et al's new municipal law enforcement officer. Along with checking to make sure that people put their money in the meters (even if they're "just slipping in" to a store), he's also in charge of making sure skateboarders don't use the sidewalks and stray dogs are re-united with their owners. He just moved to the village from Newmarket.

ensuring that the youth of Ontario will always enjoy this wonderful pastime.

The Quilters Workshop on County Road 121 near the Allsaw Bridge, will be at the Needlework and More Show at Peterborough's Evinrude Centre on Sat., Mar. 8 from 10 to 5 and Sun., Mar. 9 from 11 to 4. Admission is \$3.

Haliburton made it onto yet another front page of a section in the Toronto Star. In an article entitled "Going to the Dogs" in last Saturday's travel section, Loretta Michaels talks about her experiences as a musher with

Winterdance. "If you love the outdoors in winter and want to try something besides skiing and skating, then driving your own dog team is the sport for you," she writes in an enthusiastic story. She says she'll be back to the Highlands and encourages others to do the same.

Weight Watchers is taking part in the Great North American Weigh In, which is a call to action for all North Americans to know their Body Mass Index and find out what it means to their health. In Haliburton, Weight Watchers meets Monday nights at 7 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church. Come a half hour early for a free weigh-in and brochures about BMI.

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Elementary teachers sign contract while high school teachers work to rule

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teachers are taking part in a board-wide 'work to rule' sanction, initiated by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation district 15 last Thursday, in an effort to move the collective bargaining negotiations ahead.

Teachers have the option of continuing with their extra-curricular activities but will not be attending staff meetings, committee meetings or department meetings unless they are held during classroom hours. Classroom assignments are not to be affected.

"Trillium Lakelands District School Board does not condone any sanction that jeopardizes the opportunity for our students to learn," said David Hill, director of education, in a press release. "We're disappointed with this action."

Hill argues that the board is offering a fair offer, consistent with agreements they have reached locally with other employee groups.

Peter Carroll, OSSTF district 15 president, says the union will not negotiate through the media so refused to comment on the issues that are holding up negotiations. He also said until negotiating successfully resumes the sanction would continue. There is no strike deadline set as of press time.

In the elementary division, a new two-year collective agreement has been negotiated between the board and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario. The agreement reached last week affects 750 teachers.

The new deal includes a general salary increase of three per cent, retroactive to Sept. 1 2002, but the best gain, according to Steve Colliver, local ETFO president, is a change in the salary grid. Previously the grid was a 12-step process to reach the maximum level. It has been reduced to 11, bringing it in line with the teachers at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Colliver says he is also pleased that the new agreement raises beginning salaries. The current beginning salary is ranked 28th out of 31 bargaining units.

Colliver says everyone is negotiating right now but he expects that when the new numbers are released, the Trillium board's beginning salary package should be at least in the middle, if not the top, ranking.

"When you consider the increasing student loans teachers carry at the beginning of their career, it is more of an incentive for them," says Colliver.

Police rule out foul play in death of Annie Cochrane

The police have finished their investigation into the sudden death of Haliburton businesswoman Ann Marie Cochrane.

"We don't suspect there's any foul play involved," says Haliburton Highlands OPP Staff Sgt. Bob Walli.

The family has been told that the probable cause of death was hypothermia.

Cochrane's body was discovered outside her business, Danielle's Total Look Hair Salon, in Haliburton last Monday morning. Her funeral is today.

Meanwhile, the family hopes to have the salon reopened later this week.



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Kris Kadwell and his son Karl, top, compete for the ball during a game of broomball at the annual snow day hosted recently by Camp Wanakita. In the photo below it, Sherri-Lynn Barry laughs at her sisters Madison and Katelyn lying stiff in the snow like a 'mummy'. Above, A visitor cross-country skis across an open field, practicing the basics before venturing out onto the trails. Gord and Pam Forbes take a snowshoe excursion.

Neighbours have 'grave concerns' about development on 121

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the top of the hill leading out of the village.

"Look around, most people here (in the room) were not here 20 years ago. There has to be some commercial development. It has to go somewhere. It's a reality," says Fearrey.

The draft official plan designates a section of 121 leading out of the village for larger-form retailing as well as creating a mixed-use area along County Road 1. In response to people's fear of ugly strip malls being erected along these roads, Usher assured people the planning department could take a better look at the commercial appearance and character of new development.

Lorne Hoppenreys addressed Fearrey and planners on behalf of nine property owners along County Road 121. He read a letter explaining they are not opposed to economic development but have "grave concerns" regarding the new commercial designation.

He says they want council to ensure that any changes to 121 would not affect their properties and the burden of the cost is on developers not taxpayers. Hoppenreys says they want to see strict guidelines for the types of businesses allowed and that this entrance to Haliburton remains attractive and inviting.

Fearrey told Hoppenreys he thought it was a reasonable letter and they would consider those concerns.

Several people also questioned the reeve as to why there was not more direction in the draft official plan about what recreational, social and overall character Dysart would have. Fearrey responded that the municipality hopes to do some strategic planning after the completion of the official plan to consider those issues.

He was asked what role Dysart would play in the economic development of the county and why economic development is in neither the local nor county official plans. Fearrey explained that the county official plan is general and simple, leaving municipalities to "strike their own destinies." He says Dysart's strength is the arts, whereas Highlands East's is the lumber industry. Official plans have not carved those roles out in policy though because he says it was unlikely there would be agreement at the county on an overall strategy of who should go after what type of industry or economy.

Some asked for a clear line of when "enough is enough" of new development. Fearrey responded that they have capped development on some lakes and will continue to consider environmental checks to further development.

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



Tony Usher, Dysart et al's planning consultant, talks with Paul Heaven about how the municipality will be protecting wetlands and trails in a new official plan.

Regional lab being considered

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

A slim majority of Haliburton Highlands Health Services' board members agreed to "take a leap of faith" in moving forward with a regional lab service agreement.

At Thursday's board meeting CEO Keith Sansford explained that he and the partners in the project from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge and Durham district were responding to pressure by senior Ministry of Health staff.

Sansford said that at this time he did not have the answers to many of the

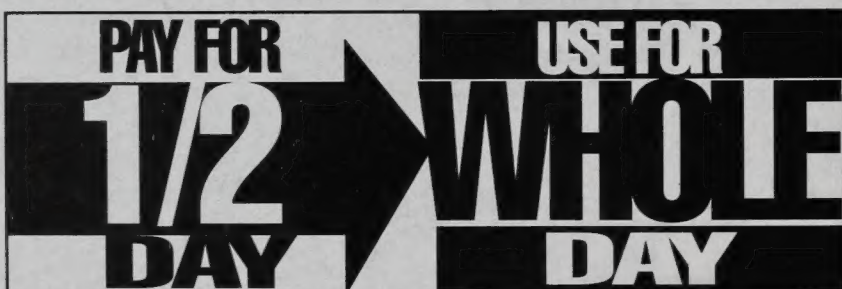
board members' questions.

Board member Chris Bonnett felt it was premature to be making a decision about something with so little information.

Kim Stamp agreed with him, leaving Peter White, Len Salvatori, Margaret Risk and Dick Charron voting in favour of the motion.

Attached to the motion were the following provisos. That the regional lab be of no additional cost to HHHS; that the board have an opportunity to review a business case before final signing; that patient care services be detailed; and that existing services, particularly those involving the current lab provider MDS, not be degraded.

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Postcards from the past:

New book is a visual stroll through Haliburton's history

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

In the days before cameras were as common as mosquitoes in June, postcards were a popular way of sharing memories. Travelling to a new place, or wanting to share greetings from home, few people had any other way to capture an image of their favourite places.

Peter Schleifenbaum and Dave Bishop Sr. have made a hobby of collecting old postcards of the Highlands. But rather than keep them in their own photo albums, they've enlisted the help of Michael Barnes to help them share these fascinating glimpses of a world gone by.

Barnes, who was awarded the Order of Canada for his books about Ontario's north, has written texts to go along with 200 postcards, gathered together in a new book called *Haliburton: Memories of Past Years*.

Published by Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Press, it will be launched at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Friday, March 14.

"It's nostalgic," Barnes says of the book, his second about Haliburton. (His guide book, *The Essential Haliburton*, has already made it to the bookshelves of 1,800 people.) "Some of the pictures are really cute."

There's one from the person who complained that "this place has one-way



DARREN LUM/Echo

Author Michael Barnes will be at the March 14 book launch at the museum.

roads for 60 miles." Another from someone who wanted to sell a gallon of maple syrup for \$1.25. Then there's the picture of a grand old tree which produced 1,750 board feet of lumber.

Barnes has grouped the photos into categories which explore all facets of Haliburton's past. The hardest part was winnowing the collections down to 200

postcards. Schleifenbaum alone has nearly 700 postcards while Bishop weighs in with 300.

Not only will the book, which retails for \$19.95, be available at the book launch, but wellwishers have a chance to win numerous door prizes donated by local businesses. The launch begins at 8 p.m. sharp.

MP O'Reilly praises his government's new budget

MP John O'Reilly says the federal government's budget recognizes the critical link between social and economic policy and continues the balance approach to managing the nation's finance.

O'Reilly says this approach plays a critical role in building the Canada all Canadians want. It does so in three ways:

- by building the society Canadians value through investments in individual Canadians, their families and communities.

- by building the economy Canadians need by promoting productivity and innovation while staying fiscally prudent; and

- by building and accountability Canadians deserve by making government spending more transparent and accountable.

O'Reilly is pleased that the following were included in the Budget:

- additional funding for the military
- increase in the Child Tax Benefit
- reduction in the Air Travellers Security Charge

- reduction in Income Tax for lower and middle income families

- additional \$3 billion for infrastructure programs

- reduction in the Employment Insurance rate

At the same time, O'Reilly says Budget 2003 recognizes that our prosperity could be threatened by the uncertain global economic climate.

"Accordingly, our Liberal government will continue to exercise caution in all fiscal planning, restoring the full contingency reserve and economic prudence," O'Reilly says in a press release.

Student suspensions are on the rise in Trillium Lakelands

KRISTAN JONES

Special to The Echo

The number of students being suspended throughout Trillium Lakelands District School Board has seen a steady increase but board officials say none of the behaviours are new.

A report received by trustees indicates that 2,664 suspensions were issued in the 1999/2000

school year. That number rose to 3,373 in the 2001/2002 school year.

By February 11, 2003, just over 2,000 suspensions had been issued during the current school year. Niki Worton, manager of student services, predicts total suspensions for the current school year will surpass the previous year's.

Although there is an increase

in suspensions, Worton said it's not due to new behaviours, but because disciplining students has changed.

When the Safe Schools Act came into effect in September 2001, it came with a list of reasons for suspensions in two categories - discretionary and mandatory suspensions.

"The biggest change is that it isn't a decision for principals

when it comes to mandatory suspensions," said Worton.

Fifteen of the 43 expulsions since September 2001 pertain to students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8, for incidents including sexual harassment, possessing a weapon, using a weapon to threaten, physical assault, trafficking weapons and trafficking drugs. The majority of the other expelled students were in

grades 9, 10 and 11. Twelve of the 43 expulsions were for trafficking drugs.

Worton said suspension and expulsion is the final step in a long process. "In most cases there have been many interventions and interventions following that. It is not something taken lightly. Principals are doing all they can to keep kids in the school," she said.

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Let's say you could go back 100 years. You're standing on the shores of a local lake. It's amazing how few buildings there are. Local residents don't have much money for such things as insulation, so few of them are building their houses on the shore where the wind will rattle their panes on a wintry morning.

But you are a wise person. You know that even though locals don't value the beautifully rugged and yet serene shoreline, people in 100 years will be willing to spend top dollar for such a glorious piece of Canadiana. How

echo editorial

— martha perkins

do you balance your desire to share this stretch of heaven with as many people as possible and yet protect the beauty you want them to enjoy? What rules would you impose? Standing on the shores of one of those lakes now, can you foresee how the vista will have changed in the next 100 years? Will cottaging become a prerogative only of the rich? Will the demand for even a view of the lake prompt local politicians to bend on their rule not to allow back-lot development?

Change will come to the Highlands. The challenge is to manage it wisely.

A time traveller from 100 years ago might be horrified with today's view. To build all these homes and cottages, trees had to be cut, roads ripped through the hills and forests. Not foreseeing how crowded the lakes would one day become, politicians allowed properties with a minimum of shoreline, and let people build practically on the shore. Then again, the time traveller might be thrilled at how the lakes have become the pot of gold at the end of Haliburton's rainbow. Don't forget that when the train came into the Highlands, more people used it to leave the poverty of farming than to put down roots here.

The same conflicting emotions govern how we view proper planning today. Let's face it, everyone wants to have the last cottage on the lake, or be the last property on a road. Having discovered Haliburton and grown to love it for its natural beauty, it's human nature to want to preserve it as it is. We only have to look to the south of us, to see the farmer's fields turned into endless rows of houses, to want time to stand still here.

Yet it would be very sad indeed if few people could afford to have a bit of Haliburton. Local residents need to be able to find jobs. Cottagers need to be able to afford their property taxes. To make both groups happy, you need commercial development. And where do you put that development in a swamp-ridden land, where if there's not a forest there's a lake?

Few people would dislike commercial developments if they weren't so — sorry about this — ugly. All too often, commercial buildings are cookie cutter images of their parent corporations, making one town look just like any other, or they're built by people who can't afford any of the aesthetic touches which make them more visually bearable. There are a few exceptions to that in the Highlands, notably Heat Line in Stanhope, Limberlost in Minden and Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce.

In this week's story about Dysart's official plan, mention is made that perhaps some design rules could be imposed on the proposed commercial outlets on County Road 121. Is there any way to turn a perhaps into have-tos?



Somber sky

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Trout or consequences

With fewer than 60 days until trout open on my favorite backwoods stream, it's certainly not too early to learn how to fake looking like an expert.

Rookie anglers busy themselves with filling up fly boxes, casting practice, patching waders, mending vests, reading books, watching videos and all the other drudgery that might actually contribute to the slim chances of outsmarting a fish.

Not so for us veterans. Knowing better, we begin the long and complex process of crafting generic, if not cryptic, remarks, to explain away the fishless days. Two or three of these remarks strung together will generally make up for an empty creel and justify thousands of dollars in angling expenditures.

Fellow anglers acknowledge me as the king of the generic remarks, some of which might actually be interpreted as streamside wisdom if uttered with enough vagueness and conviction. The mere mention of twenty-inch brook trout, for instance, is enough to cause awe among lesser anglers. Of course, you need not specify that you actually caught one.

And my trademark quip, "I'm just going downstream to check out the next pool" has been used by grateful anglers everywhere to explain unplanned swims down jagged waterfalls and narrow, thunderous chutes. The trick, of course, is to say it in a serene, almost off the cuff manner. Of course, this is not an easy thing to do while flailing arms, holding on to your hat and going down for the third time. Once you've mastered the skill, however, you'll never look like an idiot again.

Even something as simple as snagging a back cast in the surrounding foliage can be explained as a project in streamside insect collection if said with enough sincerity. Snagging nearby anglers is a little more difficult, yet not entirely unworkable, if you immediately compliment the victim

on the hipness of his new body piercing. If your back cast coincided with that same angler answering nature's call, however, it's best to jump in and announce that you are going to check out the next pool.

These are the sorts of things that a thinking angler ought to be considering as trout season and its accompanying embarrassments approach. Sure, many situations could be avoided by the judicious use of skill and common

sense, but who has time?

True, on rare occasions, an angler, through no fault of his own, will find himself attached to a fish via rod and line. Despite what sporting magazines say, this is not a preferred situation. In most instances, the frenzied jumping, splashing and flailing — sometimes of the fish, too — merely draws attention to various techniques that an angler has endeavoured to keep secret — for instance, how to answer the call of nature while pretending to be fishing. Furthermore, especially on cold spring days, the size of the fish

often serves to embarrass the angler whose technique has been exposed.

Because of this, many anglers go to extreme lengths not to catch fish. I utilize my own arsenal of ineptitudes to avoid entering into a life or death struggle with a 12-ounce fish, which, by the way, could conceivably result in a loss.

Despite this, it's important to maintain the illusion of competence. That's why the industry invented catch and release fishing. You go fishing with nothing and arrive home with more of the same. Meanwhile, as long as no credible witnesses exist, nobody can doubt the story.

Thankfully, no one has ever deemed our fellow anglers to be credible witnesses. And while I've heard horrific stories of honesty creeping into the sport, being a traditionalist I'll continue to do my part to keep our fine pastime as it always was. That's why, this season, my friends and I are already predicting several twenty-inch brook trout. How bout you?

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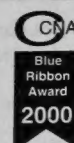
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Tales from the Sugar Bush

guest column

by MARGARET CARNEY

Overnight snowfall. White frosting the trees, the garden, the lane. All the fence posts have little white caps, and the chicken wire strung between looks like swags of French lace. It's a wonderland out there.

And as the latest front moves on toward Ottawa, the temperature plummets. Environment Canada's put out a wind chill warning for minus 46 in Haliburton County, so one thing's clear: the sap won't run today.

We've been waiting for weeks for the sap to flow. Like runners at the starting block, waiting for the pistol shot, syrup makers have to be ready to leap into action, full speed ahead. The instant it starts, a million tasks will have to be done all at once. Immediately. Right now. So waiting for the sap to run involves a lot of planning, preparation...and restless shuffling of feet.

You never know when spring will arrive in the sugar bush. Most years it's not until mid-March, but two of the past four years it happened in February—unheard of in Haliburton history! So now we start getting psyched up right after Valentine's Day—and wouldn't you know it, we're having a cold, snowy, traditional Canadian winter this year.

Like kids before Christmas, waiting for the sap to run can consume your life.



My husband checks Internet weather maps three times a day. Though we know that long-range forecasts are a work of fiction, we discuss them endlessly.

There are always chores to do while we wait. Dig out the boiling place.

Put up the stovepipes. Fix a bit of broken pipeline where a moose left toothmarks in the plastic. Dennis put a new front tire on the old 1950 Ford tractor—not that we'll be able to get out to the bush with anything but snowshoes until a lot of this snow melts.

Sometimes it feels as if I've been waiting for the sap to run all my life. Yet it's my husband, Dennis Barry, who grew up with this tradition—on this farm, in this sugar bush. He really does know every tree in the woods.

I'm the newcomer, the city slicker. I've only been doing this since I met him—and fell in love with him, the farm and the countryside. He's the syrup maker, the tapper, the boiler, the tester. The muscles, the brains, the engineer, the woodcutter. The keeper of the knowledge, the source of stories. The one linked closely with the land, who knows what animal made every set of tracks in the pasture and woods. Who knows the call of every bird that breaks the winter silence.

I'm the assistant, the extra pair of hands, the apprentice. After more than two decades, I'm just beginning to absorb some of what he knows.

And I'm the witness. As I follow him from tree to tree, chore to chore, I get to absorb all the beauty. I see how the icicles turn silver in the light of the rising sun. How each breath we take makes a puff of frost in the chilly air. How the afternoon sun leaves long blue shadows across the rolling hills—shadows from tall, silver trees that are more than two hundred years old.

Only folks who have spent a season in a sugar bush know how much work is involved in making a litre of syrup. An insane amount of labour, that's for sure. By the time you factor in all the hours, weeks, months—the hassles, the sweat, the muscle strain—syrup should be worth its weight in gold, emeralds and diamonds. No one does it for profit!

So why go to the trouble?

Dennis told me why that very first year—and it's true. You go out to the sugar bush in winter, and by the time you come back, it's spring. Tapping trees and making syrup is a good excuse to be out there for the transformation from silent, frozen world to a living, breathing, pulsating one full of green growth and bird-song. To take part, as intimately as humans can, in that timeless miracle.



pic of the past

Life was a little slower in Haliburton when these four gentleman took time to sit down and have a visit. It would be fascinating to know what was on their minds as they watched the passing scene. They are, from left: Tom Johnston, Harry Adams, Charles Sproats, and Ted Lane. The photo is undated. Our thanks to Jean Bradley of Welland for providing it.

letters to the editor

Ramp proposal worthy of support

To the Editor:

I was hoping to see more letters last week in support of Jim Henwood's desire to build a wheelchair ramp at his variety store entrance. I think we should all be ashamed that our municipal government was so negative. Are they afraid that other businesses might want to follow suit? What would be so bad about that?

First of all, wheelchair accessibility doesn't just benefit those unlucky enough to be confined to wheelchairs. Ramps and wide doorways benefit older people, parents with strollers, people on crutches, people carrying awkward packages—they make life easier for everybody, including everyone reading this letter.

Secondly, accessibility is such an important goal for society (perhaps even a human right?) that it is an appropriate use of a portion of the public sidewalk. How many other businesses on the main street have porches or steps that extend

in front of their building? I believe the deck at McKeck's extends further into the street than Henwood's proposed ramp. Unless buildings are being extensively renovated for other reasons (such as Old Country House's expansion that included accessibility) it would not be feasible for many business owners to achieve accessibility completely within their own property.

The next time you walk down our main street, take a good look at the store and restaurant doorways. How many could you roll into today? How many could possibly become barrier free with minor or major renovations?

I hope Jim Henwood will be invited to return to council to work out an acceptable solution, and that council will show that taxpayers and tourists (some in wheelchairs) take priority over snowplows.

Jennifer Paton
Haliburton

Distortions used to justify war on Iraq

To the Editor:

Milan Frybort's thoughtful letter "History sheds light on US led war" provides some history to support the Bush administration's Iraq policy. Unfortunately the analogy to Munich in 1938 is faulty to put it kindly and is one more feeble attempt to justify the unjustifiable trotted out by Bush and company.

Hitler could indeed have been stopped from taking the Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia by

France, which failed to honour its treaty commitment to do so in one of the blackest acts in French history. To argue that this would have stopped Hitler is absurd. He would simply have waited until his military power was overwhelming as he did before attacking Poland. Britain could not have acted without France and was in no way prepared for war in any event on a scale to invade and disarm Germany.

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Winter fun, winter sun



There were families from the area and outside who enjoyed the annual Winterfest, due in large part to the comfortable weather. The event was held at Haliburton's Head Lake park over this past weekend. Activities such as the horse

drawn wagon rides, tobogganing, snowshoeing, winter volleyball, Canadian golf, and rides in the Re/Max hot-air balloon kept everyone smiling.



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Kidnappers spirit snowman away in air-conditioned get-away car

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chant for such practical jokes. As for why they chose one snowman over another, Dana says "I think it was the closest one to the driveway."

She heard from a good source that the snowman was hauled away in a Jeep, the air conditioner on full blast.

After work one day, Jamie came to pick her up at the camp and saw the snowman alone, unguarded. They seized the opportunity and lifted the snowman into the back of their pickup and sped home.

"It must have looked funny with the snowman in a pickup truck, driving down the road," Dana said.

Not long after reclaiming their snowman, he was again abducted and another note was left in the mail box: "You can't have him till we get our donuts. Make it a baker's dozen. Drop them off at Camp Medeba in the homestead with a note saying, 'For the Snowman Bandits'."

They knew it was serious. Dana complied, leaving a box of powdered doughnuts at Camp Medeba. They will pick up their snowman this week, hopefully for the last time.

She's not sure why they made the family of snowmen in the first place, but she's pleased that people are getting joy from seeing them.

"We just thought it would be funny to have so many snowmen," says Dana who has shared a tradition of exchanging snowman products, from stuffed ones to ceramic and anything in-between, with her husband at Christmas.

Eventually the couple would like to build a family of snowmen on the other side, resembling a snowball fight scene. When asked if they would consider security measures, barbed wired fencing or even a snow dog or two, she said, "We'll take our chances."

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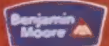
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HHSS briefs: Nordic team excels at OFSSA

BRUCE GRIFFITH

Special to the Echo

OFSSA Nordic Ski Team: Coach Bruce Griffith took six junior boys to Camp Fortune in the Gatineau near Ottawa on Feb. 23, 24 and 25 to compete in the Ontario Secondary School Nordic ski championships. Our team who placed first at COSSA to qualify for this event had a great time and great results at this extremely cold and challenging race course. We knew we were in for a tough course when we could see the downhill ski runs of Camp Fortune on the same ridge as our race course. Huge hills with 90 degree turns at the bottom with very fast cold snow made the event exciting. Our team were ready as they are constantly skiing the hills of Glebe Park in Haliburton. Team leader Sean Keaney finished 43rd, Ryan Bottum 64th, Max Creelman 70th, Josh Mayhew 71st, Myles Nicholson 93rd and Mike Flowers 110th out of 126 competitors. The team placed a very high 10th place with over 60 school competing. Congratulations to all members of the team from coaches Bruce Griffith and Sharon Dibblee and a huge thank you to parents for your support. An extra thank you to Lyse Keaney and Anne Creelman for helping with the OFSSA trip.

HHSS Chess Club: This new club starts this week with students meeting with Mr. Griffith in the Resource Room

at lunch hours on Mondays and Wednesdays to play for fun and/or get ready for competition. Players who want to compete at the next level will prepare for the March 29th Central Ontario Chess Challenge being held at HHSS and hosted by Blake Paton and JDH Elementary School.

Heroes at HHSS: Its not often enough that we get to praise the students of our community. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ryan Porter, Steve Moraal and Kendal Crego of Mr. Little's Highlands Outdoor Educational Development Program who saved the life of a visiting cross country skier from Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario. On Valentine's day Ryan, Steve and Kendal were with their classmates helping as marshalls at the COSSA Nordic ski race at Glebe Park in Haliburton. A female skier collapsed on the race course approximately three kilometres from the race course's starting line. The boys who had just completed an outdoor first aid course with their teacher, Mr. Little, rushed to the fallen racer who was unconscious and suffering from hypothermia. They called for support and applied first aid techniques which probably saved the girl's life. The skier was taken to the club house where she recovered quickly. Hats off to the quick thinking and heroic actions taken from these heroes of HHSS.



Above: A trio of snowboarders perform tricks on the flats.

Left: (from the top left to right) Rebecca Ide, Dylan Metcalfe, Darren Johnston, Taylor Barton, Kaitlin Hewson, Gavin Swan, Julie Johnston, and Aaron Ketner.

Photos by Sheryl Loucks

HHSS team dominates slopes

New snowboarding team earns respect at championship

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

What started out as a school project recently became the hottest snowboarding team at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association races.

Last year Eric Bell, a snowboarding instructor at Sir Sam's and a Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student, was given the challenge of coming up with a project that could effect change. So he started generating interest in having a school snowboarding team. Unfortunately the course was in the second semester and the students were thinking about summer, not winter.

This year, Eric approached teacher Christie Chester about helping him get a first ever HHSS snowboarding team started. Along with teacher Kimberly Desjardin, the three of them put together a dynamite team of boarders represent-

ing all the grades.

"He's the one really. He did all the paperwork, I just rode on his coat-tails," says Chester of Eric's efforts.

"Actually, Christie did a lot of work too," says Desjardin.

"The best thing about the team? Everyone's attitude. They just want to come out and do their best, it's not so much about what their time is," says Eric.

This quick exchange fairly represents the co-operative, supportive atmosphere of the team. During a group photo the team members were all quick to brag about the outstanding performance by 14-year-old Julie Johnston, who took gold in the junior girls division. Julie did not seem to know quite what to do with all the attention. She has been boarding for six years and this was the first time she competed in a high school race.

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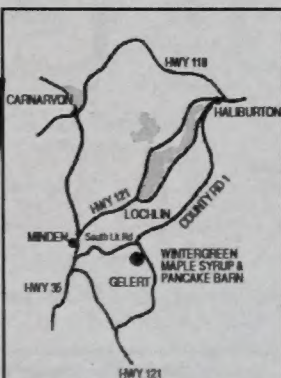
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Julie Johnston wows crowds and coaches alike

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Her teammates were not the only ones paying attention. Ian Miyamoto, a coach from Fenelon Falls, noted she also had the third fastest time overall that day, beating out boys, girls and seniors.

"An athlete like Julie should have the chance to compete at a provincial level," says Miyamoto, who has been coaching since COSSA took on snowboarding four years ago.

The trouble is that snowboarding is not yet accredited, so is not offered at the provincial level, a sore point with the coaches. Miyamoto says that during the eight-race circuit the kids have demonstrated how snowboarders get a bad rap for being trouble. He says the students are respectful, orderly, on time and as athletically talented as skiers.

Julie Rocheleau, a coach from LCVI, insists snowboarding should be offered at a provincial level since it is now an Olympic sport. She says the racing has given her students a chance to train, develop their skills and compete.

Miyamoto says more schools would participate if they could take their teams to the provincials but some do not see the sport worth juggling along with skiing programs without that extra incentive.

"We've been noticing today the number of you (boarders) that have been saying you've never been better. Everyone was outstanding. The sport is getting bigger and better. Hopefully we'll be sanctioned

by next year," coach Chris Czestakow told the boarders during the awards.

The Haliburton team winners in the junior girls division were Rebecca Ide in fifth, Jamie Pettes in second and Julie Johnston in first. In senior girls, Abbey Hagerman took second and Holly Bishop first.

In junior boys Dylan Metcalfe took second and in senior boys Darren Johnston scored fifth, Zach Whitten was second and Eric Bell took home the gold.

There were 80 competitors at the event and over one hundred in the circuit.



Julie Johnston from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School won kudos not only from her own team, but other high school coaches in the recent COSSA finals snowboarding races held at Sir Sam's, when she took gold in the junior girls division.

Sachs shuts out Thunder, Storm semi-final bound

SHARON WALKER

Special to the Echo

Minden Arena was rocking last Saturday night to the sounds of sirens, horns and screaming fans when the Peppermill Bantam AE skated to a 3-0 win over the Oro Thunders.

Oro was leading the series 2-1 and thought they had the Storm settled down but as the song goes, "You knock us down and we will get back up again" and that is just what the Storm did.

Scoring the first goal was Devin Hunter with a nice backhanded goal assisted by Jon Petch.

It wasn't until the second period that Tyler Watson, with a great set up play by Brittany Hicks and Zack Pearson, scored to make it 2-0.

Oro Thunder had several opportunities to get on the board but great goal-tending Ian Sachs stoned them every time along with some great body checks by all Storm players.

Jon Petch gave the Storm its insurance marker to make it 3-0 assisted by Hicks and Watson.

The Storm had to fight off few penalties which give the Thunder a chance to pull its goalie and have the extra attacker. A scramble in front of Sachs with a couple of Thunder players piling in on Sherri Walker who was on the bottom of the pile. While others walked away Walker lay still. The

Storm fans called for a penalty but the only one in the box was their own defencemen Jon Petch for helping her out (thanks Jon). Walker got up minutes later and checked out by doctors in Minden who gave her the go ahead to face the Thunder the following day.

With the series tied at 2-2, the Storm had to go to Oro. They knew they had to play the hardest game ever to beat them with their home refs.

From the drop of the puck until the final seconds left in the game, the Storm was out to beat the Thunders and that they did!

Two minutes into the game Tyler Watson scored the big one assisted by Jon Petch and Bradford Burk.

Even though the arena was packed with Thunder, all anyone could hear was the siren of Walker's dad (Jim). Not only does the siren encourage the Storm when needed it intimidated and left the Thunder speechless and irritated by the sound.

Again Sachs stole the show and robbed them repeatedly. Hunter scored to give the Storm a 2-0 lead assisted by James Roberts.

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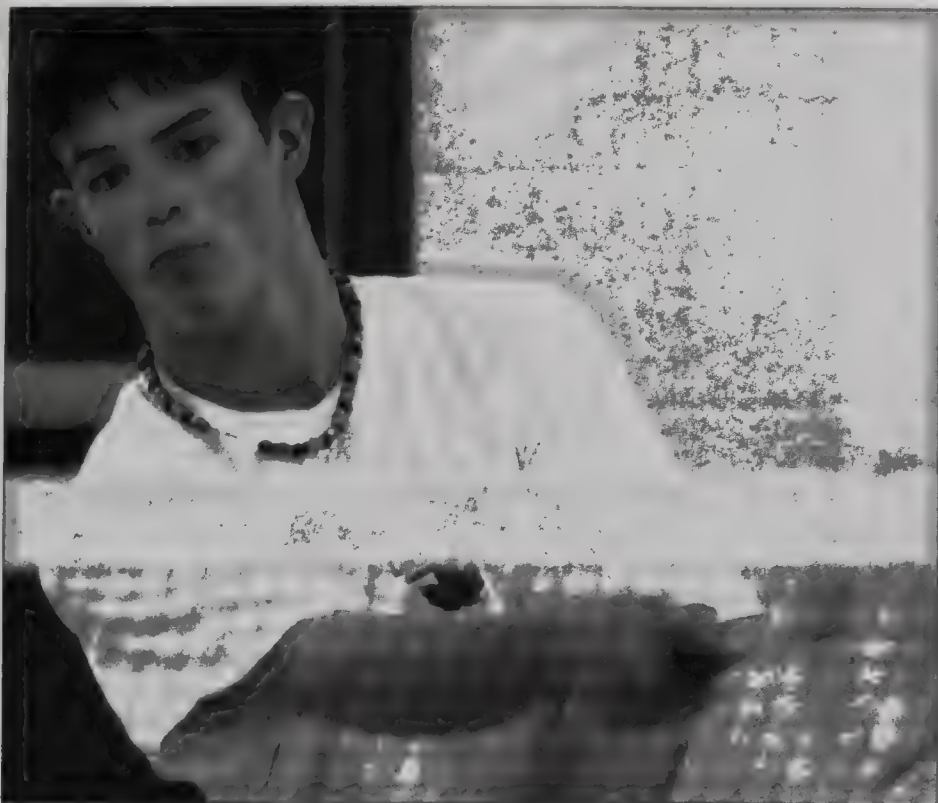
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WENDY SISSON

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The Highland Storm's Novice B team, sponsored by Haliburton TimBr Mart, has completed its round robin of the initial playoff action. This little team is quite proud to tell you that they finished on top with an undefeated record.

The teams that had to succumb to this Storm, losing two games each, were Mariposa 8-1 and 5-0, Ops 8-2 and 6-1, and Omeme 6-3 & 5-2. There some great scoring plays, too numerous to mention individually, with goals going to Zach Boice, Ben Hicks, Tanner Ballantyne, Jordan Howe and Nick Hunter while the just-as-important set up plays going to Tanner Hamilton, Jacob Harrison, Stewart Chaulk and even

goalie Michael Kunkle could be awarded one.

Standing strong at the blue line or being seen diving across the goal crease keeping those pesky opponents away from the goal would be Jacob Sisson, Tyler Barry, and Donovan MacInnes. Last but not least was Michael Kunkle minding the twine.

Obviously by looking at the scores the goaltending played a factor in these games and Michael made numerous big saves when the pressure was on, especially early in the games.

These boys will start the final round of playoff action this weekend with the championship game in Minden March 8 at 2:30 or Sunday the 9th in Haliburton at 11 if necessary. Plan to come out and show your support!

Novice come back like Storm

PATTI TALLMAN

Special to the Echo

The Rowden Building Novice A team is into its next round of play off action. They played in Ennismore on March 1 for game #1 and both teams were ready. No goals were scored in the first period.

The second period was challenging with Ennismore getting three goals. The Storm played consistently but couldn't get a goal. They knew they had to make a break in period three and off they went. At the ten-minute mark in the third period Brett Yake scored assisted by DJ Howorko. That was the start. Then two minutes later Brett Yake came up with another beauty assisted by Mark Dobie. With only three minutes left in the third period DJ Howorko tied the game 3-3 assisted by Brett Yake.

The game went into a 10 minute sudden death overtime. Both teams pressed, playing very defensively, trying to keep control of both ends of the ice. The play went back-and-forth with both teams controlling the puck and the 10 minutes of sudden death ended with no score. The game ended 3-3.

Home they came on Sunday for another very exciting game. Both teams were eager for a win. Neither team really outplayed the other; they all gave it a very good team effort.

Ennismore came out very strong with three quick goals in the first period. This took the Storm by surprise but after Saturday's game they knew they could come back.

The second period they played with great control. They had a few chances but not enough to get the puck by the Ennismore goalie. Both teams pressed on, giving it their all, with each player having the drive for the puck.

The third period proved to be the height of it all. The Storm came out full speed ahead. With just moments into the third period, Ryan Hunter scored assisted by Brett Yake. That started the ball rolling and moments later DJ Howorko swooped in and scored assisted by Dillon Upton and Brett Yake. The Storm was really geared up now, hoping they could get it all back. They played very defensively without letting Ennismore get in too close. They jumped at every chance to go ahead with the puck and finally it paid off. At the

six-minute mark DJ Howorko tied the game set up nicely by Brett Yake and Stephan Schollig. An excellent team effort moving the puck around.

Now it was crunch time. The game was tied with just over six minutes left to go. The Storm pressed on and cycled the puck, but just couldn't buy a goal. Ennismore challenged each player but the team kept good control and never let down their guard. At the end of the third period it was still tied 3-3 which meant another 10 minutes of sudden death.

By this time the parents were on the edge of their seats and could hardly contain themselves. They cheered their kids on, keeping them pumped. Then the Storm broke loose. With two minutes gone in over time everyone was standing watching, hoping. DJ Howorko had the puck and he was one step ahead of the Ennismore players trying his hardest to stay ahead. What a beauty goal. At 7:36 in the overtime period DJ Howorko scored for the win assisted by Cole Rowden. What a great game, coming back from a three goal deficit to win in overtime.

Rob Lewis played awesomely in goal, being put to the test in both games and passing with flying colours. He robbed Ennismore several times to be that awesome goalie that he is.

The whole team played both games with a very positive attitude, keeping their heads up and supporting each other to the very end of both games.

The offensive players are Brett Yake, DJ Howorko, Marlee Gadway, Dillon Upton, Stephan Schollig and Mike Mazara; defensive players are Marc Dobie, Ryan Hunter, Cole Rowden and Samantha Tallman.

These kids play the game and provide the parents with some excellent hockey entertainment, a fine example of what great coaching does for a team.

Schedule for the playoff games:

Tues., Mar. 4, in Ennismore at 6:00pm
Thurs., Mar. 6 in Haliburton at 7:30pm
Sat., Mar. 8, in Ennismore at 6:00pm
Sun., Mar. 9, in Haliburton at 12:00pm

The team thanks everyone for the support of the fans and hopes you are able to come to their next home game.



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Lessons learned are reward enough for karate club's student of the year

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's not every day that hard work, dedication and commitment gets recognized in a world that gives so much attention to the negative.

Brian McNeil has been a hard worker all of his life. After more than a year with Kai Shin, a local karate club, he's being recognized as their student of the year. The plaque says: In appreciation for your dedication to karate and your time and effort spent for our club. From your fellow members and Sensei. Kai-Shin North 2002-2003.

With "misty-eyes", as he puts it, he received the plaque at the club on February 15.

The things he's taken from karate have been reward enough. The plaque is the icing on the cake. He realizes that karate has changed him. He now does any assignment or task right away, never putting it off for later.

"I've noticed I'm more confident. There is more concentration on my work and I behave better," Brian says.

He never expected to even enjoy the activity, let alone to have it consume so much of his life.

"When I started I wasn't enthusiastic about doing exercise. I'm more interested now. I find it fun," says Brian, who goes to the club three times a week.

Sensei Mike Chapman speaks highly of his junior student and said the award was a 'toss-up' between Kyle Seabrooke and Brian. Either one of them could have won.

"Brian has progressed more than anyone in the last year," Chapman says. "He's a big, strong, nice guy.... He's got tenacity. He

just won't give up. He's a good role model."

Even while competing with the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wrestling team earlier in the year, he maintained his visits.

"I'm very honoured...I'm so proud," Melody McNeil says of her son's achievement. "I've been proud ever since he started. He's really lifted my spirits."

Brian's other love, wrestling, hasn't taken a back seat to karate. He always makes time to watch 'Smack Down' (televised wrestling), watching men and women perform acrobatic maneuvers, headlocks and death-defying aerial stunts in front of thousands. As a toddler, with grandfather Donald's encouragement, he dreamed of being one of them. Years later he continues to hold on to that dream, possibly being a black belt karate wrestler.

His grandfather has since passed away and would be proud of his grandson's accomplishment, Melody says, adding that his grandmother Delsie is also proud of him.

"I have a lot of confidence in him. I know he'll go somewhere," Melody says.

Along with the plaque, and other medals, he recently earned a gold medal for 'Kata' (martial arts demonstration of specific karate movements) in London three weeks ago.

Brian is appreciative of the attention he's received, but gives thanks to Mike Chapman, Diane Hutchings, Gord Seabrooke and Kevin Windover.

Melody is grateful to Kai Shin, the Sensei Mike Chapman and Family Services for giving her son such a rewarding opportunity that provides physical, as well as spiritual, fulfillment. Without their support it couldn't have been possible.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Sensei Mike Chapman says Brian McNeil's dedication to karate is one of the factors that led to the Haliburton teenager being chosen as student of the year at the Kai Shin karate club.

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U.S. supports many of world's despicable regimes

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Iraq on the other hand is a third rate military power with no air force and threatens no one. It is next door to Israel, a nuclear power armed to the teeth by the Americans. It has the distinction of being by far the leading nation in violation of UN Security Council resolutions. Turkey is another Iraq neighbour and is second only to Israel in breach of UN resolutions.

The point is that there are many despicable and despotic regimes in the world including Iraq. Some are supported by the US. Others are not. The reasons are complex and too often amoral.

In any case the Bush Iraq policy is wholeheartedly supported by no one else in the world although Tony Blair seems to be. His position has been described as someone riding a bull in the hope he can steer it which he has to a significant degree.

The Munich analogy and other feeble excuses will go into the dustbin of history along with other tragic lies and distortions such as the fraudulent Tonkin Gulf incident used by the Johnson administration to justify Vietnam and the Kuwaiti babies thrown from their incubators invented by a US public relations company to get public support for Bush Sr's Gulf War. The tragedy is that so many sheep can be repeatedly duped by these falsehoods and fall into line as long as "other" people far away are being slaughtered.

This is not an issue of being anti-American. The American people are among the victims of the erratic policies of several administrations since WW II which could not have occurred without a complicit media concentration.

R. D. Reid
Haliburton

Harburn Road conditions called the worst ever

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Rocky Roberts and the very kind people who drove me into town for all their help on Feb. 27.

The reason for the "thank You" is that after driving on the Harburn Road all winter and watching the terrible conditions get worse every day, the inevitable happened. The ruts became so deep and the conditions so bad I was not able to keep my car on the road and was thrown into the ditch. (Speed was not a factor).

I understand it has been a trying winter for everyone and perhaps the Harburn Road in an exception to the conditions of others but it is a well travelled road and I have heard from long-time residents it is the worst they have ever seen it.

Hopefully it can be maintained much better in the future for the safety of everyone.

Jennifer Rondeau,
Haliburton

P.S. There were two other cars thrown off the road the same day as me.

The rules of flag flying

To the Editor:

Re: "Flying flag a happy sign that spring nears:

There is a protocol for flying Canada's flag. Flags are raised daily at sunrise and lowered at sunset. The flag is always removed at night, folded and stored in a safe, dry location.

Brenda Willcox
Minden

County should say no to handouts

To the Editor:

"County Council - Please say No!

Over the past number of years we've seen more and more organizations with their hands out to county council. Have we forgotten where this money comes from?

A few organizations still put on fundraisers and special events to raise money but a growing group is simply holding out their hands and telling is how much the community will benefit.

We could mention the library, museum, arena, Rails End Gallery, snowmobile trails, theatre, walking trails, Highland Games and Chamber of Commerce just to name a few. Should the taxpayer support everything regardless of personal use? Higher user fees?

As a taxpayer I have always felt taxes should go towards the things that affect "almost" all of us. These would include

roads, garbage, all necessary administrative functions required to run the county, and updated infrastructure for the future. All things that affect less than, say, 60% of us should be paid through user fees.

Some really hot areas may be whether individuals get rebates on education taxes if they don't have children or rebates if they don't make use of the very expensive medical system.

Don't get me wrong, I don't feel it necessary to cut all services to the bone. But if the county has excess money to give away, I as a taxpayer would like a little more input.

I don't like junkmail and may end up throwing out my tax bill if it became lost within a pile of advertisements. If you want to include anything with my tax bill let it be a list of organizations seeking this "extra" money. I'll let you know where I want it to go, even though I

would prefer to spend it as higher user fees in my preferred areas.

It was my opinion that a democratic system we all get to put in our two cents. It is after all our money.

We all wish for lower taxes but know basic things must be taken of. We elect those in council to do this job. Quite often councillors may get into office by very tight margins. At that point they represent the majority but not all the people. If you want to spend our extra money, let's ask all the people. I personally have never had my area councillor approach me over all the years to ask me anything. All I ever hear at election time is what they used to do and how they are now going to commit all their new extra time, or there's always that give back to the community line.

Rolf Gryciuk,
Haliburton County

Generous help for Timbersport shows community spirit

To the Editor:

As readers are probably aware, Timbersport will again be hosted by Minden Hills on Saturday, June 14 at the County Fairgrounds in Minden. This year's event will be taped and televised on TSN at different times and dates over the coming year and into 2004. As part of the agreement to secure the televising of

Timbersport, complimentary accommodations were sought for the broadcast crew. The response by resort operators, B & Bs, and private individuals has been overwhelming.

Our thanks to the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce for its assistance and to all those who offered to assist the Timbersport committee.

Such a response is one example and

proof positive that Minden Hills and all of Haliburton County continue to be the willing and welcoming hosts as part of a vibrant community and vacation destination that it has so ably demonstrated over the years.

Peter E. Oyler
Councillor, Minden Hills
and Timbersport Committee

People invited to share their stories and experiences of peace-making

To the Editor:

Do we have the courage and determination to wage peace? We humans are a diverse lot; there are huge differences in our cultures, religions, lifestyles - and yet we are really one people, interdependent. We need urgently to find ways of living as if we are responsible for, or as Mother Teresa said, "we belong to", each other.

I think we already know how to do this, in large and small ways. I would like to

invite as many of us as possible to share the stories of cooperation, of reaching across divides, of creative conflict resolution, of respect, of day-to-day peacemaking. As we hear and tell the stories, we are creating a new and powerful culture that can spread to embrace us all as we do this challenging work of making peace.

Please gather with us on International Women's Day, Saturday, March 8, as we rally for peaceful solutions to the conflicts that threaten us all. Bring your stories,

poems, prayers, songs, and encouraging words, your signs and placards, and donations to the local food bank. Dress for whatever the weather!

Where: Haliburton town docks
When: Saturday, March 8, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

Please contact Claire Sylvan at csylvan@sympatico.ca if you wish to briefly address the gathering. Thanks!

Claire Sylvan, Haliburton

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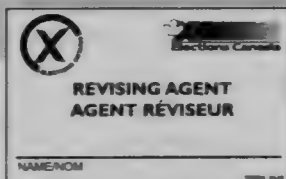


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One of life's treasures

Urla Henwood celebrates a century of life well lived

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Eyes full of sparkling wit, Urla Henwood is quick to smile. After 100 years she also still knows how to speak her mind and remains the same independent spirit she always has been.

Born in Hamilton in the middle of a pack of seven children, she was used to helping out. While other girls her age were pushing around dolls in carriages, she was pushing her baby brother Lorne, who was her "doll." Henwood was the one who remained at home, keeping house and taking care of



her mother while providing the rest of the family with a hub to revolve around, says her niece Dorothy Thayer.

Henwood came to stay with Thayer in Haliburton about five years and now lives at Highland Wood. She purchased property along Kashaga Drive in 1962 and was a frequent cottager over the years.

"Aunt Urla is one of life's unclaimed treasures," Thayer says.

Thayer speaks admiringly of her aunt, who is well travelled; she was even able to attend a garden party with the Queen during the coronation in 1953. She has dabbled as an artist, and had a career at a time when most women or her generation were considered to be house wives.

"I was a stenographer with the Fuller Brush Company. They went out of business when I left," Henwood jokes.

Thayer thinks her aunt worked there for 46 years and had several responsibilities. Henwood says she did not go to high school and learned everything she needed to know on the job. Henwood shrugs off her accomplishments and says she had to be independent.

She is also strong in body and mind. She can still quote poetry but has never shown anyone any of her own. She says her philosophy in life is not to "play favourites" so she has broad interests.

The last of her siblings, Henwood has survived two bouts with cancer. She may no longer do any Scottish dancing but can still push her own wheelchair. She has reasonably good hearing and vision - a lady who does not miss much.

Her secret to a century of living is "broccoli and salmon." Henwood has never been a red meat eater but will have a bite or two of any pie, except raisin, and admits to a sweet tooth.

She celebrated her 100 birthday with a chocolate cake and a firm grasp on the good things in life last weekend.

Urla Henwood's secret to a century of living is "broccoli and salmon." It also helps to have a sense of humour and a ready laugh, as she demonstrated at a party to celebrate her 100th birthday.

At left is her niece, Dorothy Thayer, who describes her aunt Urla as "one of life's unclaimed treasures".

photos by Darren Lum/Echo



Old mine sites a potential headache

KERRY RILEY

Special to The Echo

The concerns began last spring for Highlands East officials when they found themselves the recipients of a visit from the Department of Northern Development and Mines and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

The message the representatives had come to deliver, says Reeve Keith Tallman, was that, because a portion of the old Bicroft Mine site was located on municipal property, the municipality would be responsible for complying with new federal regulations dealing with the assessment and eventual clean up of the site.

The Bicroft Mine, located in the former municipality of Cardiff, produced uranium between 1956 and 1963. A portion of the original property fell back into municipal hands after the closure of the operation. Another portion of the property is currently owned by Lac Properties Inc., a subsidiary of Barrick Mines.

Government interest in the site arose as a result of a new provincial program, the Abandoned Mine Rehabilitation Program, instigated in 1999 and spearheaded by the Department of Northern Development and Mines, which strives to return old mine sites to some sort of productive use. The Bicroft Mine fell under the federal Nuclear Safety Commission's jurisdiction because it was a formerly a uranium mine, and the site contains radioactive tailings.

The first step in the required process, as Reeve Tallman understood it, was for the municipality to obtain a licence, which would then allow them to proceed with the necessary environmental assessments, and presumably, the eventual clean-up of the site. The municipality, having recently weathered the financial and bureaucratic turmoil associated with the closure of the Glamorgan dump site, and the imposition of new water regulations by the province, is understandably wary of the potential price tag associated with environmental assessments or cleanups.

"The licence itself may run between \$8,000 and \$10,000," Tallman explained, "renewable every few years, and with consultants, etc., these processes can be tremendously costly."

He noted that they had been led to believe that there would be no government funding available to offset costs, and were concerned the municipality would be left to pay for environmental assessments and ongoing monitoring. "We don't think it's fair, and we've asked our federal and provincial members of parliament for support. I have heard that we've been given a reprieve until 2004," he added.

Ron Stenson, Project Officer with the Uranium Mines

and Lands Evaluation Division of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, however, downplayed the seriousness of the situation. The difficulty arose, he explained, because of a change in regulations which occurred in 2000, and which resulted in the new Nuclear Safety Control Act. Whereas, prior to the changes, the Bicroft Mine site did not require a licence "to possess, manage and store," radioactive material, now it does.

There is a small amount of radioactive tailing on the portion of the property owned by the municipality, he explained, and that is what is causing the problem. "It's a technicality really, he said, "we have no health, safety, or environmental concerns about the situation right now, but, technically, the municipality was out of compliance with the laws of Canada."

He confirmed that the municipality has been granted an extension for compliance to 2004, which at least temporarily addresses the technicality, adding that "further extension is not out of the question."

He was hopeful that the reprieve would allow Highlands East time to work with the province to find a way of having the tailings removed, indicating that this might be a more reasonable solution than licensing. "We have yet to determine if the municipality has the technical know-how to possess the license, without which, it would be rather meaningless," he noted.

Lac Properties Inc., owner of the portion of the property where other tailings are located, is in the process of applying for the necessary licensing, which Stenson expected would be approved in April of this year.

As Stenson noted, there many other old mine sites in the Haliburton area. If there are no tailings, he

explained, they are of little interest vis-a-vis the new federal regulations. However, old uranium mines with tailings do pose problems.

Chris Hamblin and Rick Bradley of the (provincial) Department of Northern Development and Mines, indicated that the licensing requirements for the Bicroft site, now in effect because of the new regulations, were federal issue. They were, they said, at present not aware of any additional provincial concerns or requirements for such things as water monitoring or environmental assessments. Should potential issues not be dealt with via the federal licensing program however, they could not, they added, absolutely rule out the possibility that the province might impose its own requirements.

Regarding funding for the clean-up of the tailings, Liberal MP John O'Reilly indicated that it's an active file for his office. "Our latest enquiries were made around Christmas and we don't have an answer yet. We will get one though," he added, noting that "it's important issue for my riding because it would be a big advantage to have the site available for leasing."

MPP Chris Hodgson's office had similar information indicating that they were taking the issue up with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs but, to date, had not received any definitive answers.

As Stenson of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, pointed out, Haliburton County is home to a number of abandoned mine sites. As the work of identifying and assessing them proceeds, the question of just who will be responsible, financially, for the necessary rehabilitation promises to develop into a significant regional issue.

Highlands East buys land for septage lagoon in Cardiff

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the February Highlands East council meeting.

As a result of recent investigations into the availability of a suitable location on which to build a sewage lagoon, a resolution passed agreeing to purchase a parcel of land (Concession 13, Lots 5 and 6) in Cardiff, for \$70,000. The land met with council's approval because of its central location and the fact that preliminary tests, conducted to assess the appropriateness of the soil composition, came back with favourable results.

In a separate resolution, council accepted a quote from the Greer Galloway Group, in the amount of \$15,600, for the development of a design and operational plan for the sewage lagoon, and for the preparation of an application for the Ministry of Environment.

Changes in Water Regulations

Environmental Supervisor Glen Covert advised council that as a result of some changes in water monitoring regulations recently announced by the Ministry of the Environment, Highlands East may be able to reduce the number and frequency of some of the required testing.

"You have to establish good water quality first," he explained, "but once everything is up and running properly it may be possible to apply for relief from some of the earlier requirements."

Recreation in Glamorgan

Glamorgan Councillor Chuck Viner reported that a new Recreation Committee has been formed, comprised mostly of people new to the area. The group always welcomes new members, he added.

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The enthusiastic members of the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School chess team, which is 121 players strong

Brain power: Chess players have fun as they learn skills that help intellectual growth

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Chess is out of the closet and no longer the sole domain of a few kids keen on sharpening their mental claws on their opponents.

Blake Paton looks around the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School gym where the 121 kids involved in the school's chess club are gathered and says, "You probably won't find this many kids playing chess in any other school in Ontario."

Paton and his fellow teacher Rob Meyers both started teaching kids how to play chess at Gooderham Public School a few years ago and now they are watching students excell at the game in Haliburton.

Meyers says the club keeps getting bigger and bigger. There are students from Grades 3 to 8 involved, with the bulk of

students from Grades 4 to 6; 40 players are from Grade 6 alone. Given the large number of players, the students are in round 5 of an in-school tournament in an effort to narrow down the number of competitors in an up-coming district tournament.

The March 21 district school board tournament will bring players from 11 different schools together. Paton says there have been chess tournaments in this area dating back to when it was a local county board but it has only been in the last four or five years that they have seen these kind of numbers.

"The game has undergone a revival especially with kids who are playing on-line (on the Internet). My better players are playing on-line for hours. There's always a good game to be found on the 'net and that's great for a rural area like this," says Paton.

Kenton Winn, a 13-year-old Grade 8

JDH student, says he's found tough opponents and has been tied up in games for hours on-line. Winn says he likes the challenge of the game and with a grin, he proclaims it fun.

Paton says chess allows kids to play aggressively with each other and go on the attack without being physical and remaining very respectful of other players. He says aggression on the board is actually rewarded. That is what kids like about it, but teachers, he says, are using the game as a way to teach kids how to concentrate, stay focused and use problem-solving skills.

"Studies in the last five years have

shown chess is really good for overall intellectual development. It improves the ability to concentrate, analyze, read better, do better in math. I use it for problem solving exercises in my class and as a motivator. They really look forward to playing," says Paton.

He estimates two thirds of the players are boys and one third girls. He says that while many girls are timid with the game, he also has some excellent girls coming up.

The provincial qualifier, open to the public, will be held at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on March 29.

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The project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. A public consultation center is planned to provide further information to the public on the proposal and to receive input and comment from interested persons.

Public Consultation Center

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Date: March 10, 2003

Location: The Municipality of Highlands East

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Following the public consultation centre, further comments are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until March 25, 2003.

For further information on this project please contact:

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This notice issued February 24, 2003

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton, that Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for special legislation stating that the *Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.13, as amended*, does not apply to the Corporation of the County of Haliburton.

This Application will be considered by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. Any person who has an interest in the Application and who wishes to make submissions for or against the Application, to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2.

DATED at the County of Haliburton this 3rd day of February, 2003.

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Per: Gary King
Chief Administrative Officer

Health Unit offers solutions to overcome eating challenges

Women in Haliburton County aren't alone in trying to beat the clock and serve up healthy meals to their families.

Time – or the lack of it – to plan, prepare and purchase nutritional foods for loved ones is the top concern of women across Canada who participate in a new survey released for Nutrition Month in March. The survey conducted by Dietitians of Canada, Kraft Canada and the Dairy Farmers of Canada aims to shed light on the many challenges women face to healthy eating.

Besides time constraints, the survey highlights two other key issues on the mind of Canadian women, namely a difficulty in making healthy food choices and determining

the role of food in achieving a healthy weight.

The survey results come as no surprise to Rosie Kadwell, who hears similar feedback locally in her role as a Public Health Dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"Women clearly want fast, convenient and tasty food ideas that provide nutritious, balanced meals for themselves and their families," she says. "As Dietitians, it's our role to help women learn the skills needed to adopt healthy eating choices."

During Nutrition Month in March, the local Health Unit will run an information campaign entitled Healthy Eating ... Tasty an Easy that seeks to educate area residents – especially women – about the need for good nutrition.

The merits of doing so are well-documented, says Kadwell.

"Eating healthy is an essential ingredient to staying healthy, especially when studies show good nutrition helps reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis," she says.

Kadwell offers suggestions to women to reduce some of the obstacles to good nutrition and make the most of the eating experience for themselves and their families.

Consider:

- Taking the time to feed yourself and being a healthy role model to children to ensure they are well-nourished.
 - Cooking one meal that the whole family can share. Time is essential and cooking two meals is expensive and time-consuming.
 - Trying brown beans and cheese rolled in a tortilla ... or scrambled eggs, toast, orange and milk for supper. Healthy eating can be done without a recipe and in a limited amount of time.
 - Dividing a grocery list into the four food groups: grain products, vegetables and fruit, milk products, and meat and alternatives. This helps to see how food choices balance out and saves time as most of the foods are located together in the store.
 - Preparing meals in advance or doing partial preparation at night to shorten the prep time after work.
 - Buying salad and vegetables that are ready-to-use, not frozen.
 - Planning menus in advance so you only need to go grocery shopping once.
 - Eating everything in moderation and avoiding diets. Change your overall lifestyle in the long term to improve your health.
 - Understanding the portion sizes outlined in Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating and not skipping meals.
- Haliburton residents can find out more about healthy eating tips and Nutrition Month activities by contacting their local Health Unit Office at 457-1391. They can also find out by logging onto the Dietitians of Canada web site (www.dietitians.ca/eatwell)



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Gary King, CAO
County of Haliburton

NOTICE

(Applicant-CARRUTHERS)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson O.L.S., dated December 3, 2002. (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East). The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East (Wilberforce), Ontario this 4th day of March, 2003.

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Municipality of Highlands East NOTICE

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Snowshuffle proves fun for 86 riders

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west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Once again the Guilford Centre committee organized a successful Snowshuffle on Feb. 22. Despite the huge snowfall and stormy weather, 86 riders appeared to participate. The winner was John Curry of Haliburton. All of the riders enjoyed the roast beef dinner and 34 extra people came to join in for the dance. From organization to participation, 200 people are estimated to have been involved.

Nicole Cooper, daughter of Greg and Cheryl, was home for a week from the University of Ottawa where she is studying Business and Public Relations. Her brother Joel, who began his hockey experience at age four, played his last game of minor hockey in Ennismore last week. It has been a fulfilling and exciting sport for Joel whose goal-scoring talent was well known both to his own team and to the teams he played.

Host families needed for European students

Does your family have room in its heart to welcome an exchange student for a semester or two?

ASSE, one of the oldest and largest international student exchange organizations, is currently looking for local families able to offer room in their lives and homes to international students aged 15-18. While staying with your household, they will attend local high schools and participate in your family activities.

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Here are two students currently looking for host families.

Barbara, is a 15-year-old student from France who enjoys the outdoors, animals, horseback riding and mountain biking. She adds: "I like nature very much, flowers, animals, music and dance, but my brothers aren't interested in these things. Instead they prefer to play on the computer".

Alexander is 16 years old and lives in Germany. He likes skiing, archery, and scuba diving. "On the whole, you can say that I like winter sports very much. Weather permitting I play hockey with my father and my friends."

For information on how you can qualify to become a volunteer host family for these or other students, please call toll free 1-800-361-3214.

A new play-time at the Centre for pre-schoolers is Friday mornings instead of Wednesday mornings.

World Day of Prayer is to be held this year in Eagle Lake's community church with the Rev. Maggie Milne as speaker. The country which originated this year's program in Lebanon. If you miss this afternoon service at 2 p.m., there is an evening service for World Day of Prayer at 7:30 p.m. at St. George's.

Congratulations to Darlene McConnell on the success of her Lady Esther Esthetics in her home on the Barry Line. Darlene's business on this location began last May but her qualification came two and a half years ago

when she attained her diploma from Belavi Institute in California and first practiced in various Haliburton locations.

Several of us from Guilford area are now playing our various instruments in Glen Carter's newly formed (year and a half) band, Highland Woodwind Ensemble. Keith Burns provided the initiative in August of 2001. Now the band numbers 18 at differing stages of experience. On Friday afternoons at St. George's church the ones from here include Keith, of course, Bas Bouthoom, John Pugh and myself. Kelly Moore joins us when work permits.

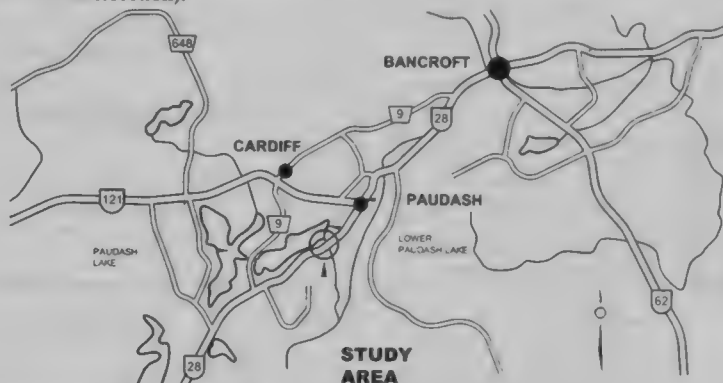
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NOTICE OF SUBMISSION AND PROJECT COMPLETION

Highway 28 / Crowe River Bridge Replacement, Site No. 11-019 Detail Design (W.P. 265-98-00)

The Project

Earth Tech Canada Inc., on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), has completed Detail Design for the replacement of the Crowe River Bridge and adjacent road resurfacing, and operational improvements to Highway 28 within the Township of Faraday, County of Hastings, south west of the Town of Bancroft. The study area is from approximately 500 m south of the Highway 28 Paudash Lake Road intersection and extends to approximately 200 m north of the intersection (the Crowe River Bridge is located approximately 65 m south of the intersection).



The proposed improvements included in the project are:

Replacing the existing Crowe River Bridge with a two span, structural steel girder structure consisting of two 3.75 m wide traffic lanes, a 3.50 m wide left turn lane, 3.0 m shoulders and 0.30 m parapet walls.

Raising the existing grade by 0.40 m at the bridge.

Upgrading commercial entrances and reconstruction of private entrances to match the new highway grade.

Rehabilitating the existing pavement.

Widening of the existing lanes from a minimum of 3.50 m to 3.75 m, and providing 2.50 m shoulders with 0.50 m partially paved shoulders.

Operational improvements at sideroads, including a new 3.5 m northbound left turn lane to Paudash Lake Road and a reconstructed 3.5 m southbound right turn lane.

Replacement of all deteriorated culverts and improved ditching.

Making recommendations for fisheries habitat compensation.

The Process

This project was carried out in accordance with the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* with an opportunity for public input throughout. A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on December 10, 2002 to provide an overview of the study, present the detailed design, and discuss the potential effects and mitigative measures associated with the construction activities with the public and government review agencies.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been completed and is available for public review and comment at the following locations during regular business hours:

Ministry of Environment
Peterborough District Office
2nd Floor, South Tower
300 Water Street
Peterborough, Ontario

Ministry of Transportation
Eastern Region
355 Counter St
Postal Bag 4000
Kingston, Ontario

County of Hastings
Clerk's Department
County Administration Building
235 Pinnacle Street, First Floor
P.O. Bag 4400
Belleville, Ontario

Faraday Township
Clerk's Department
29860A Highway #28
Box 929
Bancroft, Ontario

The 30 calendar day review period will commence March 6, 2003 and end on April 7, 2003, after which time the MTO may start construction without further notice.

Comments

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns you may have about this project. Please direct written comments to the Project Team by April 7, 2003. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Project Team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the Public Record.

Please contact one of the following team members for further information:

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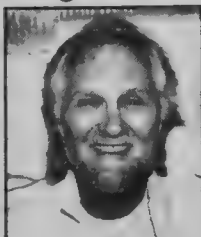
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Our sympathy is extended to the family especially daughter Michelle and friends of Letty Thain who died at her home in Wilberforce on Wed. Feb. 12, 2003 in her 75th year. Letty and her late husband Ralph (Mike) were long-time cottagers in Harcourt Park. Letty, one of the first to take up residence in the Maple View apartments, was a friendly lady. One often saw her walking her dogs. She was a member of the Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers and produced many finely crafted pieces of art. Services were held in Haliburton and Willowdale.

World Day of Prayer service is at the Wilberforce United Church this Friday, March 7, 2003 beginning at 7 p.m.

A hearty breakfast was served at the Highland Grove Recreation Centre on Saturday, March 1. Breakfasters enjoyed pancakes, eggs, ham and sausages served by the hardworking Recreation Committee. This group also serves lunch once a month.

Quilters are welcome to work on the Wilberforce Heritage Guild's quilt now on the frames at the Outpost. The quilt will be raffled as a fund raiser for the

work of the Guild at the Outpost Historic House.

The Business Bonspiel takes place at the Curling Club this coming weekend March 8 & 9. Always good fun.

The Wilberforce School is hosting a spaghetti dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday, March 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, Toddlers eat free. Contact person is Jan Guyton 448-3936.

It is indeed a great honour to have been awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. This special medal was struck to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's reign as Queen of Canada. The medal was presented at a special ceremony in Lindsay in the afternoon of Friday, February 28. What a mixture of thoughts and feelings one has about receiving such an award. First informed three weeks ago, there was surprise, delight, disbelief and the thought "Why me?" Then a formal letter, and it began to sink in. Some individual or group that had decided I was worthy of this honour, had nominated me and I was actually going to be awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal! In receiving this medal I feel I have accepted it on behalf of all those other people who volunteer, who make contributions to their fellow citizens, their communities and their country.

I was especially touched by the support of family and friends who took the time to attend the ceremony. Their joy and warmth was overwhelming. Their presence added so much to the receipt of the medal. It was a great pleasure to be one of a group of recipients that included Martha Perkins, Margaret Risk and Len Salvatori. Congratulations to them. Appreciation to all who had any part in my receiving the award. And God Save The Queen. Long may she reign over this peaceable land.

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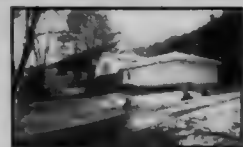
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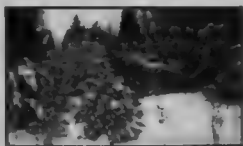
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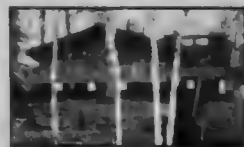
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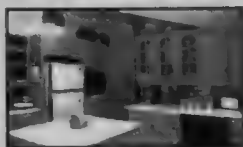
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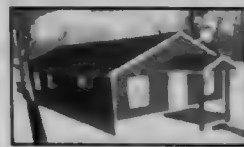
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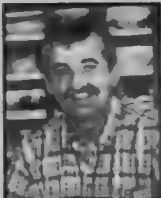
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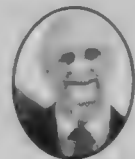
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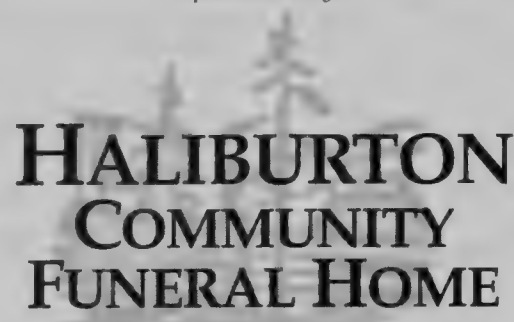
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- **Fraud Seminar:** Home Support in conjunction with Mark McMaster of the Minden OPP is putting on a seminar to help you recognize and avoid scams and fraud. Protect yourself. Keep safe and secure ... The tentative date is April 7 at 10:00 a.m. Call Sheri at 457-2941.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Mar. 4: Pancakes, sausages and toppings** - Tuesday, March 4th at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Adults \$5.00, Under 12 \$3.00. Sponsored by St. Margarets Church.
- **Mar. 4: St. George's ACW Pancake Supper** will be held at the Haliburton Legion from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fee will be charged.
- **Mar. 5: Join Home Support for an exhilarating afternoon of Bid Euchre** in the Drop In Centre located in the Halco Plaza every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Please call Ida at 457-2941 for more information.
- **Mar. 5: Join Home Support for Wheels to meals at Kei's** in Haliburton. Lunch begins at 12 noon. Come and join the Fun! Call Ida at 457-2941 to make your reservations.
- **Mar. 6: Join Home Support for Wheels to meals at the Minden Legion.** Lunch begins at 12 noon. Please call Ida at 457-2941 to make your reservations.
- **Mar. 6: An invitation to the community - alpha** is here, at St. James Anglican Church in Kinmount. An opportunity to explore the meaning of life. A ten week course over the lunch hour. beginning Mar. 6, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Video presentation by Niki Gumble followed by interesting discussions. For more information and registration please call the Parish of Minden-Kinmount at 286-2541.
- **Mar. 6: L.I.F.T. Ladies In Fellowship Together** - Thursday, Mar. 6, 7:30-9:30 p.m. West Guilford Recreation Centre. Theme: "Come Dine with Us". Speaker: Patti Abel, Haliburton. Music: Linda Benson. Special Feature: Jane vanNood - formal table etiquette. No admission charge - Come and be lifted. More info call: Lyn 457-3155 or Alice 754-2808.
- **Mar. 7 & 14: Join Home Support for a fun filled afternoon of cribbage** every Friday in our Drop In Centre located in the Halco Plaza. Cribbage begins at 1:00 p.m. Please call Ida at 457-2941
- **Mar. 7 to 29: "Lenswork"** - An exhibition of photography by Jennifer Boksan and David Broadhurst at The Lindsay Gallery, 190 Kent Street W. Free admission. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 324-1780 for details.
- **Mar. 7: World Day of Prayer at 7 p.m. at Wilberforce United Church** for participation of United Churches of Wilberforce, Gooderham, St. Margaret's Anglican Church, St. John Vianney R.C. Church. All welcome; learn about Lebanon.
- **Mar. 7: The World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. George's Anglican Church** on Friday, Mar. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Service was written by the women of Lebanon.
- **Mar. 7 & 14: TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** - meets in the Home Support Drop in Centre, located in the Halco Plaza, every Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Call Donna Medland at 754-4464.
- **Mar. 10: Join Home support for Contract Bridge** every Monday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please call Ida at 457-2941 for more information.
- **Mar. 11: The Highland Weavers and Spinners** will hold a meeting on Tues., Mar. 11, 2003 at the Haliburton Museum at 1:30 p.m. Program with J. Bolt - Knitting with fleece and 8 Strand braiding.
- **Mar. 12: Join Home Support for Bid Euchre** every Wednesday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please call Ida at 457-2941 for more information.
- **Mar. 14: Join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Bolger's Fine Dining** in Harcourt. To make your reservations, or for more information, please call Ida at 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

[School Council Report]

HHSS students may get access to healthy snacks

Karen Phipps of Food-for-Kids in Haliburton County made a presentation on how the "Healthy Breakfast" and "Healthy Snacks" programs operate.

The goal of "Healthy Snacks" is to promote good nutrition, with a grant from Breakfast for Living and financial support from local businesses, service clubs, and parents. Hungry kids are not good learners and the impact of their hunger has consequences on the whole class. All kids are eligible to partake of the breakfasts and snacks. This program is operating at all elementary schools in the County and Karen would like to see it offered at the high school as well. Just recently a partnership was formed with the Adult Learning Centre which has been offering soup on Fridays for over a year.

Funding will allow a "Healthy Snacks" program on Monday and Wednesday, as well as helping the soup-at-lunch project. In each school there is a team of volunteers who make and distribute the snacks. The students at the schools show their appreciation. They feel cared for. The Canadian Living Foundation is making available a grant of \$2,550 to spearhead a new initiative.

High schools are the last piece of the puzzle. Every Grade 8 student has been a part of the program. Integrating such a program into high schools would require a lot of innovative initiatives. It was noted that high school is about learning to make good choices and that this constituency of the school system are moving toward a time when they will be responsible for the consequences of all their choices. It may be that showing students some good healthy food choices will help as they move into adulthood.

Volunteer Fair

A date of May 6, 9-10:30 am has been chosen. Not-for-profit organizations will be invited to set up a table to promote volunteering with them. All Grade 9 students will attend the fair to see the possibilities to fulfill the 40-hour volunteering requirement before they can graduate from high school. If your organization is interested in participating, please call Sophia Tink at 489-2573 for further information.

Backpacks and coats

These items will no longer be allowed

in classrooms as they create a health and safety issue. Health and safety issues are the responsibility of the administration.

Trillium Lakelands budget allocations

The Ministry of Education has granted an \$8.4 million increase to be used to benefit students directly. Trustees allocated \$756,000 to be used in areas to quickly assist students for the 2002-3 year. Other monies will be used for textbooks, proper facilities to aid the provision of nutrition programs; a \$40,000 amount will be earmarked for schools interested in starting a breakfast program for facility accommodations and improvements; \$10,000 has been allocated to encourage partnerships between school and community partners; \$306,000 has been allocated to support school maintenance requests that have been waitlisted; \$400,000 has been earmarked by Trustees for learning resources such as textbooks and workbooks.

The \$228,418 budget surplus allocated last spring purchased 6,000 Grade 7 and 8 textbooks, Grades 4,5 and 6 math books, and writing workbooks for Grade 3s.

Principal's Report

New Teachers: Gary Brohman reported that Kim Desjardins and Janice Kinney are two new teachers, and Vera Stasiuk is returning for Semester 2.

Enrollment: Semester 2 had 739 students enrolled, 31 less than Semester 1. Projected enrollment for 2003 is 740.

Dates: Report card day March 24th; Parents' Night March 26th, 5:30 - 8 PM; Grade 8 Option Sheets are due to Guidance by March 21.

Co-curriculum: Once again, students have been busy with hockey, wrestling, Nordic skiing, Jr and Sr girls volleyball, Jr and Sr boys basketball, and curling. Hats off to all the teaching staff who put in many hours to enhance students' school experience.

Next meeting

March 18th at 7:00 pm in the Seminar Room. Come, be informed. Everyone is welcome!

New access tool provides connection with library

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This is a "work in progress" and as a result, this first listing of "New Books" includes all of the videos in our collection that have recently been added to our database. As they disappear from this list, they will remain on the database.

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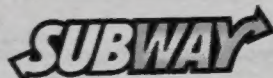
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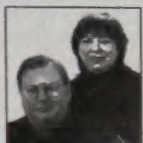
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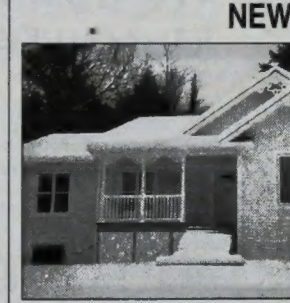
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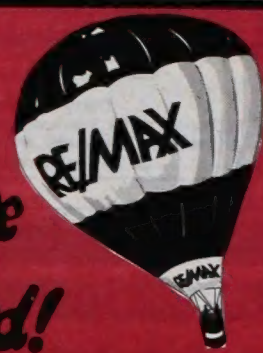
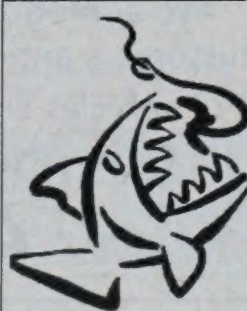
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